

# **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**



## **Town of Peru**

### **248th Annual Town Report**

### **July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018**

**Peru's Population 2018 — 823 residents**

**Number of Registered Voters — 592**

**Square Miles — 26.10**

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Constables

Coralie E. Pelkey	2018
Jeffrey Henault (appointed)	2019

### Finance Committee

Caryn E. Wendling	2019
George D. Greule	2020
Samuel P. Haupt	2021
Alan B. Gordon	2022
Jesse Pelkey	2018

### Moderator

Allan Gordon	2020
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### Planning Board

Douglas A. Haskins	2022
William A. Tatro	2018
Dale Weeks	2019
Samuel P. Haupt	2020
Kimberly Wetherell	2021

### School District Committee

Bonny DiTomasso	2020
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### Selectmen

Verne Leach	2019
Ed Munch	2018
Bruce Cullett, Chair	2020

### Town Clerk

Kim Leach	2018
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### Tree Warden

Justin Russell	2018
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### Board of Health

Kay Miller	2019
Nanette Mone	2020
Peggy White	2018

**Emergency Management**  
**Deputy Director for Emergency Management**  
**Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden**  
**Highway Department Superintendent**

Rick Carl  
Samuel Haupt  
Brian Dewkett  
Justin Russell

### **INSPECTORS**

**Health Agent**  
**Building Inspector**  
**Gas & Plumbing Inspector**  
**Oil Burner & Smoke Alarm Inspector**

Jayne Smith  
Tim Sears  
Timothy W. Martin  
Brian Dewkett

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Police Chief** - Jeffrey Henault  
**Sergeant** - Bruce Cullett

#### **Officers**

Kyle Nutting   Chris Lampiasi  
Ethan Rogeau   Robert Horne

**Solid Waste District Commissioner**  
**Town Counsel**  
**Transfer Station**  
**Treasurer/Tax Collector**  
**Veteran's Agent**

Gary Sturgis  
Kopelman & Paige, P.C.  
Verne Leach & Gary Sturgis  
Caryn E. Wendling  
James Clark

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<b>Town Administrator</b> Caleb Mitchell	<b>Term Expires</b> 2018
<b>Accounting Officer</b> Kathy Borden Evelynn Torrey	2018 2018
<b>Assessors</b> Karen Tonelli Amy Davidson Shana Lecours	2020 2018 2019
<b>Animal Control</b> Verne Leach	2020
<b>Animal Inspector</b> Verne Leach	2020
<b>Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission</b> Samuel Haupt	
<b>Board of Registrars</b> Jessica Webber Tina Barrington Scott Seely Kim Leach	2018 2020 2019 2018
<b>Cemetery Sexton</b> Daryl Darby	2018
<b>Conservation Commission</b> Kimberly Wetherell William Tatro Valerie Bird	2018 2020 2019
<b>Council on Aging</b> Mary Morrison, Director	2018
<b>Custodian of Tax Title Properties</b> Caryn Wendling	2018
<b>Treasurer/Tax Collector</b> Caryn Wendling	2018

## **APPOINTED OFFICIALS (continued)**

<b>Historical Commission</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Susan Masino	2019
Ed Munch	2020
James Kenney	2018
<b>Planning Board</b>	
Dale Weeks	2019
Samuel Haupt	2020
Kimberly Wetherell	2021
Doug Haskins	2022
William Tatro	2018
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	
Doug Haskins	2019
Peter Shelsy	2020
Dave Strzepa	2022
Samuel Haupt	2023
Richard Haupt	2018
Anthony Boyer – Alternate	2019
Bonny DiTomasso – Alternate	2020
<b>ADA Coordinator</b>	
Caleb Mitchell	2018

**The Peru Town Hall is located at 3 East Main Road and is open on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, excluding holidays, for the purpose of conducting Town business.**

### **Mailing Addresses**

Selectboard:	3 East Main Road, Suite 107, Peru, MA 01235
Town Clerk:	3 East Main Road, Suite 102, Peru, MA 01235
Tax Collector/Treasurer:	3 East Main Road, Suite 101, Peru, MA 01235
Highway Department:	3 East Main Road, Suite 110, Peru, MA 01235
Assessors:	3 East Main Road, Suite 104, Peru, MA 01235
Library:	6 West Main Road, Peru, MA 01235
Town Administrator:	3 East Main Road, Suite 100, Peru, MA 01235

### **Telephone numbers & e-mail addresses**

Accounting 413-655-8312 Ext 5	email: <a href="mailto:accounting@townofperuma.com">accounting@townofperuma.com</a>
Assessor 413-655-8657 Ext 4	email: <a href="mailto:assessors@townofperuma.com">assessors@townofperuma.com</a>
Building Inspector 413-655-8312 Ext 3	email: <a href="mailto:bldginsp@townofperuma.com">bldginsp@townofperuma.com</a>
Health Agent 413-655-8312 Ext 3	
Selectboard 413-655-8312 Ext 7	email: <a href="mailto:selectmen@townofperuma.com">selectmen@townofperuma.com</a>
Tax Collector/Treasurer 413-655-0072 Ext 1	email: <a href="mailto:taxcollector@townofperuma.com">taxcollector@townofperuma.com</a>
Town Administrator 413-655-8312 Ext 0	email: <a href="mailto:townadmin@townofperuma.com">townadmin@townofperuma.com</a>
Town Clerk 413-655-8312 Ext 2	email: <a href="mailto:townclerk@townofperuma.com">townclerk@townofperuma.com</a>
Police Department (Non-Emergency) 413-655-8377	
Police Fax 413-655-2144	
Volunteer Fire Department 413-655-8811	

### **(Department)**

3 East Main Road

### **(Suite #)**

Peru, MA 01235

### **Suite # Department**

100	Town Administrator
101	Tax Collector / Treasurer
102	Town Clerk
103	Health Agent
104	Board of Assessors
105	Accountant
106	Police
107	Board of Selectmen

### **Suite # Department**

108	Building Inspector
109	Fire Department
110	Highway Department
111	Council on Aging
112	Conservation Commission
113	Planning Board/Zoning Board
114	Plumbing/Electrical Inspectors
115	General Delivery

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The 2019 Street Listing (Census) was mailed out in January. If you didn't get a Census form in the mail, please call the office and I will get one right out to you. A Dog License Registration form was included in with the Census form this year, which many people used the convenient method of mailing in their form with payment, as a reminder please remember to include a self-address stamped envelope with your request.

The Elections ran smoothly with the help of Election Warden Gladys Wheeler, Election Clerk/Assistant Election Warden Becky Scott and Election Workers; Sara Adams, Kathleen Borden, Sharon Bruso, Richard Burke, Ruth Calaycay, Amy Davidson, Brenda Darby, Darryl Darby, George Greule, Sharon Greule, Linda Kellogg, Terry Kellogg, Barbara Kenney, James Kenney, Shana Lecours, Cathy MacPhail, Nanette Mone, Irene Morrison, Coralie Pelkey, Jennifer Pensivy, Amy Pharmer, Denise Shaw, Evalynn Shaw, Evelyn Torrey, David Whiting, Emma Whiting, The Board of Registrars, Tina Barrington, Scott Seely and Jessica Webber. Everyone's dedication and hard work is much appreciated. I enjoy working with everyone and I sincerely thank you all and I look forward to working with you in the future.

A special thank you to my Assistant Sharon Greule, her help in the office has been invaluable, she has also been instrumental in helping to continue the restoration project to preserve and maintain archival information of the permanent records of the Town Clerk's office. This project had been started some years ago and was dormant the last few years and we now hope we can be complete it this coming year. The books are available for viewing, please contact the office if you would like to see them.

Peru was incorporated on July 4, 1771. We are starting to plan for Peru's 250th Anniversary Celebration for the month of July of 2021, if anyone is interested in helping in any way, please contact the office for more information.

### 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Vital Statistics

*At the recommendation of the Registry of Vital Records and the United States Department of State, we will no longer be printing the individual names from vital records in the Town Report. This will help to protect the privacy of individuals as well as help to curb identity theft.*

**Deaths;** This year, ten people passed away. Our condolences go out to the families that have lost a loved one.  
**Marriages:** Two couples took out marriage intentions.

**Births:** There were four births, two males and two females. Congratulations to the families on welcoming their little ones.

**Population** 823

**Registered Voters** 592

**2017 Dog Licenses Issued** 207

The Annual Town Election took place on Saturday June 9th, 2018 and was held from 8:00am – 6:00pm at the Peru Community Center, 3 East Main Rd.

There was a Voter Turnout of 100, Peru's Registered Voters – 607 (at the time of the election)

### PERU ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS JUNE 9, 2018

#### **Select Board 3-Yr. Term - Edward Munch Jr.**

86 votes Candidate for Re-election, running unopposed

#### **Town Clerk 3 Yr. Term - Kim Leach**

89 votes Candidate for Re-election, running unopposed,

#### **Board of Health 3-Yr. Term - Peggy White**

94 votes Candidate for Re-election, running unopposed

#### **Planning Board 5-Yr. Term - Richard Nelson**

85 votes Candidate on the ballot, running unopposed

**Finance Board 5-Yr. Term - Darryl Darby**

24 write-in votes No Candidate on the ballot

**Constable 2-Yr. Term -Coralie Pelkey**

95 votes Candidate for Re-election, running unopposed

**Constable 1-Yr Term - Peggy White**

21 write-in votes No Candidate on the ballot

**Tree Warden 1- Yr. - Justin Russell**

13 write-in votes

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**Town Clerk Responsibilities**

Serves as Custodian of official Town Records and public documents.

Maintains, records, catalogs and files all official and public documents in conformity with the Massachusetts General Laws.

Files all Boards and Committees meeting minutes.

Administers Oath of Office for all town officials. Administers oath of office as required to all elected officials, appointed members of boards and committees, and police and fire department personnel, and ensures that all officials are in writing of the State's Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest laws.

Attests to and maintains documentation on all elected and appointed Town officials, as well as letters of resignation.

Recording Officer. Records and certifies all official actions of Town Meeting legislation and appropriations, prepares and sends newly voted bylaws to the Attorney General's Office for approval.

Maintains DLS (Division of Local Services) Gateway and Local Officials Directory.

Certifies town budget in order for Assessor's to set tax rate.

Receives and records all applications and final decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals; issues statements of "no appeal".

Files Zoning By-Law and Town By-Law changes accompanied with necessary documentation for approval with the Attorney General; records and notifies appropriate officials of approval/disapproval.

Serves as "Keeper of the Seal". Seals and attests to elected officials, by signature, to By Laws, resolutions and contracts, easements, deeds, bonds and other documents requiring town certification.

Issues certificates of the votes taken at Town meeting as required by law or upon request.

Serves as Chief Elections Officer for the Town with full responsibility for the total administration of fair and impartial local, state, and federal elections and town meetings in accordance with the Secretary of State's office and local By-laws.

Prepares election calendar, manages all on-site activity at the polling place, arranges for the physical setup of polls, trains poll workers, prepares tally sheets; oversees and reports official election results to the Secretary of State's Office, and is a member of the Board of Registrars.

Responsible for the layout and printing of town ballots. Prepares, receives, and certifies nomination papers and initiative petitions. and provides necessary election calendar and candidate information.

Arranges for applications, mailing and return of absentee ballots for all elections.

Over sees all aspects of voter registrations and related functions using automated state voter registration system: Central Voter Registration System (CVR). Resolves voter issues.

Reports the official list of town officials elected and qualified to the Secretary of State's office after every local election and reports any changes in such offices as they occur. Attests to and maintains files of appointed and elected Town officials.

Serves as Public Records Officer. Responsible for the processing, verifying, routing, and maintenance of official records, documents, business and legal records.

Preserves and maintains archival information and issues certified copies of birth, death and marriage records thereby providing a legal and historically accurate record of Town actions. Maintains and develops systematic procedures for the disposal of obsolete records. Responsible for the dissemination of information to all town departments, boards, committees, commissions and to the public regarding statutory regulation, from the Federal, State, County, and Local levels concerning the adherence to and changes to policy in a timely fashion.

Distributes and explains, upon request, Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Law to all Boards and Committees.

Tracks and reminds employees, appointed and elected officials of biannual MA state ethics Training requirement.

Serves as Registrar of Vital Statistics. Records and indexes all birth, marriage and death certificates; with genealogical research for members of the public, and is responsible for maintenance, disposition, and preservation of municipal archival records and materials.

Reports monthly to the State Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, adhering to records management schedules and files amendments to birth, marriage and death certificates as required; corrects and amends certificates as directed by court action from Massachusetts and all other states; establish birth records for foreign born adopted children upon request.

Serves as a Licensing Officer. Issues state, local and county licenses, permits and certificates including marriage licenses, raffle and bazaar permits, burial permits, business certificates, dog licenses; ensuring that rabies vaccination is current.

As Census and Voter Registration Administrator, the Town Clerk is responsible for the State Central Voter Registry Information System (CVR) on a local level as well as all related census activity.

Mails an annual census form to each household, enters the data in CVR, prepares and arranges for the printing of the Annual Street List.

Verifies and certifies residency upon request; transmits census information to Jury Commission, manages residency verification, publicizes voter registration sessions, manages voter list, verifies and certifies signatures of voters on petitions and nomination papers, manages and maintains Absentee Balloting lists for all Elections and certifies voter status.

Attends training seminars or programs in order to maintain knowledge of changes in local, state or federal regulations/laws as well as the application of technology in support of department operations.

Must attend all Annual Town Meetings and Special Town Meetings and be available to attend other Town and Department related meetings and Rabies Clinics.

*Respectfully Submitted by*

Kim Leach, Town Clerk Burial Agent

Chief Elections Officer

Super Records Access Officer

Ex-officio Member Board of Registrars

Member of the Town Clerk's Association

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## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

This report is a summary of the events and highlights of fiscal year 2018. The Board of Selectmen spent most of the year negotiating a Licensing agreement with Charter/Spectrum to bring broadband internet and cable to the town. We were finally able to finalize an agreement that was reviewed and approved by our town counsel.

Another important task was attending numerous meetings throughout the year (Small Town Summit) with other officials of small rural communities to advocate for the town to receive fair and equitable payments for state owned land (Pilot Payments) Small towns throughout the Commonwealth are working together to try and solve mutual problems. Some of the other issues being addressed are reimbursement for vocational transportation, and a more equitable formula for Chapter 90 funding to fix our roadways.

Selectmen Ed Munch gave testimony at the State House in Boston on the proposed legislation to designate area known as the Mohawk Trail Partnership for a self-sustaining forestry program, which could be a financial benefit to small rural towns in the region.

The Town pursued a grant from the Massachusetts Office on Disability to receive funding for a self-evaluation and transition plan for the Town of Peru. We want to make the town more accessible to all our citizens.

Once we complete this plan, this can be used to obtain grants in the future to address any areas that the town needs to improve accessibility. We received a \$10,000 grant to conduct the study.

Some of the other news to report:

The voters of the CBRSD region approved a feasibility study at an estimated cost of \$850,000 to study various options for Wahconah High School.

The Town has updated the Highway Department work policy;

The Town updated the rules & regulations for the Police Department;

The Town approved a new policy for part time salaried workers;

The Town cleaned up the blight on the 40 East Main Road property.

The Town submitted an application that was approved to join the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Community Compact. We had a ceremony with Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito at Town Hall to sign the Compact Agreement. This allows us to pursue grant opportunities under the Community Compact. We are currently pursuing a Green Community Designation, which will allow us to receive a significant grant from the State to make major improvements to the Town Hall building and cut energy costs.

In closing, I am pleased with the work that has been done, and I appreciate the support of the Select Board, and the work of all our town employees, and the many volunteers serving the Town of Peru. It is a pleasure working for the Town of Peru.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Caleb Mitchell  
Town Administrator

## **BOARD OF ASSESSORS ANNUAL REPORT - FY2018**

Listed below is a summary of figures taken from the FY2018 Tax Recapitulation Sheet along with data from the previous years. Assessors meetings are usually held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Peru Town Hall and the public is welcome to attend.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>FY2016</b>	<b>FY017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>
Appropriations from Town Meetings	2,221,872.00	2,161,820.80	2,367,499.01
Cherry Sheet Offsets	2,017.00	2,044.00	2,210.00
Overlay Deficits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	932.00	937.00	833.00
Overlay Allowance	20,651.07	22,114.78	4,930.62
<b>TOTAL AMT. TO BE RAISED:</b>	<b>2,245,526.07</b>	<b>2,186,916.58</b>	<b>2,375,472.63</b>
Total Estimated Receipts:	158,000.00	147,900.00	144,500.00
Cherry Sheet Receipts:	259,101.00	284,614.00	287,135.00
Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate:	0.00	36,000.00	30,000.00
Revenue Sources appropriated:	87,055.00	118,303.17	238,931.33
Other Available Funds:	1,500.00	16,500.00	1,500.00
Other Source to reduce tax rate:	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS &amp; CREDITS:</b>	<b>505,656.00</b>	<b>603,317.17</b>	<b>702,066.33</b>
<b>TAX LEVY:</b>	<b>1,739,870.07</b>	<b>1,583,599.41</b>	<b>1,673,406.30</b>
<b><u>Town Valuations By Class:</u></b>			
Residential	79,257,172.00	79,386,344.00	80,616,094.00
Open Space	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	3,250,480.00	6,874,161.00	6,343,492.00
Industrial	619,300.00	546,100.00	546,100.00
Personal Property	3,218,957.00	3,272,997.00	3,046,603.00
Exempt Property	10,642,000.00	9,158,000.00	9,037,300
New Growth	777,219.00	281,000.00	579,372
Tax Rate (per thousand):	\$20.15	\$17.58	18.48

*Respectfully submitted,*

Karen Tonelli, M.A.A.  
Amy Davidson  
Shana Lecours  
PERU BOARD OF ASSESSORS

**FISCAL YEAR 2018  
TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT  
TAXES COLLECTED FOR THE PERIOD OF: 7/01/17 - 6/30/18**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>REAL ESTATE \$\$</b>	<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY \$\$</b>	<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE \$\$</b>	<b>FOREST PRODUCTS \$\$</b>
2009			6.88	
2010			70.94	
2011			43.75	
2012			38.75	
2014	1,393.66		965.21	
2015	4,255.50		2,659.48	
2016	9,930.40		7,776.15	
2017	45,479.68	202.17	27,274.41	
2018	<u>1,528,972.67</u>	<u>51,608.10</u>	<u>76,995.61</u>	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,590,031.91</b>	<b>51,810.27</b>	<b>115,831.18</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**CHAPTER 61 ROLL BACK TAXES**

PRINCIPAL = 0.00  
INTEREST =  
TOTAL 0.00

**TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED FY18 = \$1,757,673.36**  
**TOTAL INTEREST COLLECTED FY18 = \$15,666.94**  
  
**TOTAL COLLECTIONS FY18 \$1,773,340.30**

Respectfully submitted,  
Caryn E. Wendling, CMMC, CMMT  
Tax Collector/Treasurer

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2018

### Long Term Debit

LOAN	OUTSTANDING JULY 1, 2017	NEW DEBIT ISSUED	RETIREMENTS	OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 2018	INTEREST PAID IN FY 2018
HIGHWAY GARAGE	194,585.87		3,750.10	190,835.77	8,269.90
FIRESTATION	224,720.00		9,364.00	215,356.00	7,022.50

Total interest paid on loans = \$15,292.40

The Town continues to pursue properties that are in Tax Title. Taxpayers that are in Tax Title and fail to enter into a payment agreement and keep the terms of the agreement will face foreclosure on their properties.

#### **FY 18 Tax Title Payments Collected:**

Certified = \$7,515.63

Treasurer's Interest = \$1,128.37

**Total Tax Title Payments Received= \$8,644.00**

The Town acquired ownership of the following property in Fiscal Year 2018 through the foreclosure process in Land Court:

<u>Parcel Id</u>	<u>Address</u>
37-0-4	Andes Road

The following properties were turned over to the Town's Tax Title Attorney in June 2018 to pursue foreclosure in Land Court:

<u>Parcel Id</u>	<u>Address</u>
25-0-33	4 Hilltop Drive
21-0-2	Strong Road
21-0-7	Strong Road
21-0-6	Strong Road
44-0-71	9 Hillside Road
24-0-37	40 East Main Road

Respectfully submitted,  
Caryn E. Wendling, CMMC, CMMT  
Treasurer/Tax Collector

# Town of Peru

## July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Financial Statement Report

Balance Sheet General Accounts Assets

Balance Sheet General Account Liabilities

Balance Sheet Trust Fund Accounts

Balance Sheet Debt Balance Accounts

Kathleen Borden  
Town Accountant

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

## 07/01/17 - 06/30/18

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>FY 2017 Carry Fwd</u>	<u>FY 2018 Orig Approp</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Unencumb Balance</u>	<u>% Exp</u>
10111.00 Legal Expense		10,000.00		1,354.77	8,645.23	13.54%
10122.00 Town Administrator		20,000.00		19,665.36	334.64	98.32%
10122.01 Selectmen's Salary		10,209.00		10,209.00	-	100.00%
10122.02 Selectmen & Other Expense		1,800.00	80.93	1,880.93	-	100.00%
10122.03 Computer Supplies	1027.86	6,000.00	(1,313.32)	5,046.09	668.45	88.30%
10122.06 Administrative Comp		6,800.00		6,800.00	-	100.00%
10123.00 Continuing Education		6,530.00		3,687.60	2,842.40	56.47%
10124.00 Computer Maintenance System		3,500.00	2,033.22	5,533.22	-	100.00%
10124.02 New town Website		850.00		750.00	100.00	88.23%
10135.00 Accounting Officer's Salary		9,283.00		9,383.00	-	100.00%
10135.01 Town Auditor's Salary		1.00		-	1.00	0.00%
10135.02 Town Audit		20,000.00		-	20,000.00	0.00%
10141.00 Assessors' Salary		10,209.00		10,209.00	-	100.00%
10141.01 Assessors' Expense		1,000.00		671.85	328.15	67.18%
10141.02 Assistant Assessor's Wages		18,900.00		18,900.00	-	100.00%
10141.04 Tax Map Maintenance	1289.50	1,500.00		1,400.00	2,789.50	0.00%
10141.12 Assessor's Annual Computer Support		3,800.00		-	3,800.00	0.00%
10145.00 Treasurer's Salary		9,283.00		9,283.00	-	100.00%
10145.02 Treasurer/Accountant Expenses		1,500.00		524.90	975.07	34.99%
10145.03 Bank Service Charges		100.00		-	100.00	0.00%
10145.04 Treasurer's Tax Title Exp		9,000.00		1,976.40	7,023.60	21.97%
10145.05 Treas/Acct Annual Computer Support		9,722.95		9,722.95	-	100.00%
10145.08 Integrated Accountant's Software	3,025.04	-		-	3,025.04	0.00%
10146.00 Tax Collector's Salary		9,283.00		9,283.00	-	100.00%
10146.01 Tax Collector's Expense		1,500.00		648.56	851.44	43.23%
10146.02 Tax Taking Charges		1,500.00		836.95	663.05	55.79%
10146.05 Tax Coll's Annual Computer Support		7,958.44		7,958.44	-	100.00%
10161.00 Town Clerk's Salary		7,920.00		7,920.00	-	100.00%
10161.01 Town Clerk's Expenses		2,200.00		963.55	1,236.45	43.79%
10161.02 Assistant Town Clerk's Salary		2,100.00		1,647.25	452.75	78.44%
10161.03 Election & Bd of Registrars Comp		3,850.00		1,687.70	2,162.30	43.83%
10171.00 Conservation Comm Expenses		375.00		269.10	105.90	71.76%
10172.00 BC Regional Planning Commission		642.34		642.34	-	100.00%
10173.00 Board of Appeals Expense		100.00		-	100.00	0.00%
10175.00 Officers' Mileage		2,000.00		1,502.69	497.31	75.13%
10175.01 U.S. Postal Expense		3,000.00		2,064.45	935.55	68.81%
10175.02 Office Supplies		2,500.00		1,042.57	1,457.43	41.70%
20212.00 Police Expense		3,400.00		3,329.53	70.47	97.92%
20212.02 Police Wages		70,856.00		62,025.70	8,830.30	87.53%
20212.03 Police Cruiser FY18		45,000.00		44,979.36	20.64	99.95%
20212.04 Police Cruiser Maintenance		3,400.00		3,280.41	119.59	96.48%
20212.06 Police Vest & Pager	889.50	-	940.50	1,830.00	-	100.00%
20215.00 Broadband Borrow Consultant	5000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	0.00%
20216.00 Wired West Membership		1,000.00		-	1,000.00	0.00%
20217.00 Internet Communication Lines		4,400.00	615.57	5,015.57	-	100.00%
20218.00 911 Communication Service		9,588.26		9,588.26	-	100.00%
20220.00 : Fire Warden's Salary		853.00		853.00	-	100.00%
20222.00 Peru Volunteer Firemen's Assoc.	681.01	17,550.00		17,065.45	1,165.56	93.60%
20222.01 Fire Chief's Salary		1,155.00		1,155.00	-	100.00%
20222.02 Fire Station Mort Pymt		16,386.50		16,386.50	-	100.00%
20222.04 Firemen's Assoc Bldg Maintenance		1,500.00		1,225.13	274.87	81.67%
20222.11 Peru Vol Firemen's Insurance		8,025.00		6,267.00	1,758.00	78.09%
20224.00 Hinsdale Ambulance		1,500.00		1,500.00	-	100.00%
20226.00 Inspector of Animals Salary		853.00		853.00	-	100.00%
20292.00 Animal Control Officer's Salary		1,715.00		1,715.00	-	100.00%

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

## 07/01/17 - 06/30/18

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY17 Carry Fwd</u>	<u>FY 2018 Orig Approp</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Unencumb Balance</u>	<u>% Exp</u>
20293.00	Animal Control Officer's Expense		600.00		535.43	64.57	89.23%
30000.01	CBRSD Operating Expense		838,850.00		838,850.00	-	100.00%
30000.02	CBRSD Capital Expense		20,498.00		20,498.00	-	100.00%
30000.04	Vocational School Tuition		162,000.00	(2,884.00)	133,824.00	25,292.00	84.10%
30000.05	Vocational School Transportation		58,000.00	2,884.00	60,884.00	-	1000.00%
30610.00	Peru Library		4,500.00	1,500.00	5,969.59	30.41	99.49%
30610.02	Library Director's Salary		4,200.00		4,200.00	-	100.00%
40100.00	Road Superintendent's Salary		60,000.00		60,000.00	-	100.00%
40103.00	Highway Employees' Wages		83,000.00		71,871.91	11,128.09	86.59%
40103.05	Temporary Summer Help		5,000.00		1,152.00	3,848.00	23.04%
40105.00	Highway Employee Uniforms		2,500.00		2,252.82	247.18	90.11%
40200.00	Maint. Hard Surface Roads	4,268.84	18,000.00		22,222.25	46.59	99.79%
40204.00	Material Gravel Roads		14,000.00		13,852.14	147.86	98.94%
40206.00	Road Machinery Maintenance		20,580.00	98.62	20,678.62	-	100.00%
40208.00	Gas & Fuel		27,630.00		26,608.96	1,021.04	96.30%
40210.00	Town H & B (Gravel Roads)		16,750.00	15.79	16,765.79	-	100.00%
40212.00	Town Garage		4,423.00		4,355.57	67.43	98.47%
40212.02	Highway Garage Mortgage Payment		12,020.00		12,020.00	-	100.00%
40213.10	Roller Equipment		20,000.00		20,000.00	-	100.00%
40213.50	Future Equipment & Vehicle Purchase	30,050.43	60,000.00			90,050.43	0.00%
40213.50	98 Mack Plow Truck Upgrade		45,000.00	759.88	45,759.88		100.00%
40214.00	Tree Removal		10,000.00		9,830.00	170.00	98.30%
40214.06	Demolition Hall's Place		7,000.00		6,011.18	988.82	85.87%
40423.00	Snow Roads, Public		70,000.00	30,379.33	100,379.33	-	100.00%
40424.00	Snow Roads, Private		500.00		210.00	290.00	4200.00%
40500.00	Compactor		30,000.00	7,311.85	37,311.85	-	100.00%
40501.00	Paper Compactor		7,000.00		7,000.00		100.00%
40502.00	Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Mgt		2,431.41		2,431.41	-	100.00%
40503.00	Health Dept Expenses	1375.00	8,200.00		9,384.00	191.00	98.00%
50300.00	Council on Aging	545.13	200.00		483.00	262.13	64.82%
50302.00	Elderly Outreach Program		525.00			525.00	0.00%
50303.00	Council on Aging Director Salary		578.00		385.28	192.72	66.65%
50700.00	Cemeteries			125.00	125.00		100.00%
50900.00	Veterans Agent's Salary		2,250.00			2,250.00	0.00%
50902.00	Veteran's Service		10,000.00	(125.00)	5,877.10	3,997.90	59.51%
60002.04	Town Building Maintenance		16,000.00		14,944.57	1,055.43	97.47%
60002.05	Utilities - Electric		10,000.00	877.00	10,877.00	-	100.00%
60002.06	Utilities - Heating		15,000.00	1,211.44	16,211.44	-	100.00%
60002.07	Utilities - Telephone	177.37	6,000.00		2,973.38	3,203.99	92.92%
60004.10	Town Green, Park, Cemeteries mowing		6,500.00		5,666.99	833.01	87.18%
60006.00	Partridgefield Playground		1,500.00	(1,500.00)		-	100.00%
70750.00	Interest on Loans		1,000.00		39.42	1,000.00	0.00%
90206.00	Town Insurance - ALL		37,345.00	3,567.00	40,912.00	-	100.00%
90208.00	Town Report Expense		2,000.00	1,219.53	3,219.53		100.00%
90912.00	BC Retirement Assessment		43,235.00		43,235.00	-	100.00%
90913.00	Mass Unemployment Ins./DUA		1,000.00		244.65	755.35	24.49%
90915.00	Medicare Town Share		5,500.00		5,046.22	453.78	91.74%
90919.00	Health Insurance		117,000.00	(11,598.75)	75,766.05	29,635.20	71.88%
95781.00	Reserve Fund		5,850.00	(5,819.26)		30.74	0.00%
<b>Total</b>		<b>48,329.68</b>	<b>2,286,263.90</b>	<b>30,379.33</b>	<b>2,111,398.94</b>	<b>255,113.36</b>	

***Town of Peru***  
**7/1/2017-6/30/2018**  
**Balance Sheet General Accounts Assets**

**ASSETS**

<b>Cash</b>		
General Cash Checking	678065.04	
Petty Cash - Tax Collector	50.00	
Petty Cash - Town Clerk	50.00	
<b>Total for Cash</b>		<b>678165.04</b>
<b>Personal Property Taxes</b>		
Personal Prop Taxes 2014	144.98	
Personal Prop Taxes Prior Years (1995-2005)	735.99	
<b>Total for Personal Prop Taxes</b>		<b>880.97</b>
<b>Real Estate Taxes</b>		
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	31612.78	
Real Estate Taxes 2000-2010	72428.83	
Real Estate Taxes 2011	9417.38	
Real Estate Taxes 2012	8392.21	
Real Estate Taxes 2013	8323.54	
Real Estate Taxes 2014	11431.97	
Real Estate Taxes 2015	9422.48	
Real Estate Taxes 2016	13476.40	
Real Estate Taxes 2017	19535.73	
Real Estate Taxes 2018	74730.79	
<b>Total for Real Estate Taxes</b>		<b>258772.11</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes</b>		
Motor Vehicle Ex Prior Years	2373.01	
Motor Vehicle Ex 20020-2010	5877.69	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2011	145.94	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2012	1458.54	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2013	1993.75	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2014	2106.99	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2015	874.16	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2016	3384.29	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2017	8966.19	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2018	33762.24	
<b>Total for Motor Vehicle Ex Taxes</b>		<b>60942.80</b>
<b>Tax Title &amp; Possessions</b>		
Tax Titles	209592.14	
Tax Possessions (Foreclosures)	42081.73	
<b>Total for Tax Titles &amp; Possessions</b>		<b>251673.87</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
State Aid to Highways	125105.68	
<b>Total for Accounts Receivable</b>		<b>125105.68</b>
<b>Estimated Receipts</b>		
Loans Authorized	201620.00	
<b>Total for Estimated Receipts</b>		<b>201620.00</b>
<b>Overlays Res For Abate</b>		
Overlay FY 2008	32.36	
Overlay FY 2010	549.39	
<b>Total for Overlay Res'd for Abate</b>		<b>581.75</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1577742.22</b>

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**Balance Sheet General Account Liabilities**

**LIABILITIES**

**Personal Prop Taxes**

Personal Prop Taxes 2001	330.84	
Persona Prop Taxes 2010	2.00	
<b>Total for Personal Prop Taxes</b>		<b>332.84</b>

**Revenue**

Revenue 2019	208552.00	
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**Agency**

<b>Total for Revenue</b>		<b>208552.00</b>
Due from Retirees	36.10	
FID. License - Police	4475.00	
<b>Total for Agency</b>		<b>4511.10</b>

**Revolving & Gifts**

State Aid to Libraries	3863.31	
Policing Gift	50.00	
COA Formula Grant	5258.71	
Peru Recycling Grant Small Scale	500.00	
Bldg Insp Supply Expense	1202.59	
Elect Insp REV 53 E 1/2	207.00	
Tax Title Collection Revolving 60:1	75.28	
250 Year Celebration Rev 44:53 I	1005.36	
Tax Collector's Fees	100.00	
Town Clerk's Fees	30.00	
Conservation Wetland Fees	216.11	
Deputy Collector's Fees	981.00	
Police Detail	218.25	
Chapter 90 Highway	129959.38	
<b>Total for Revolving &amp; Gifts</b>		<b>143666.99</b>

**Revolving**

Loans Authorized Unissued	201620.00	
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**Receipts Reserved for Appropriation**

<b>Total for Revolving</b>		<b>201620.00</b>
Dog Lic Reserved for Library	1727.00	
Road Machinery Earnings	4208.00	
<b>Total for Receipts Reserved for Appropriation</b>		<b>5935.00</b>

**Overlays Reserved for Abatements**

Overlay 2006	17968.04	
Overaly 2007	145.23	
Overlay 2009	1178.1	
Overlay 2011	5699.15	
Overlay 2012	6476.09	
Overlay 2013	3844.59	
Overlay 2014	9481.85	
Overlay 2015	8499.49	
Overlay 2016	15179.43	
Overlay 2017	538.56	
Overlay 2018	4546.43	
<b>Total for Overlays Resv'd for Abatements</b>		<b>73556.96</b>

**Revenue Reserved Until Collection**

Tax Title & Possession Rev.	247768.11	
Tax Poss. (Foreclosures) Revenue	3905.48	
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev.	60807.56	
Reserve for Petty Cash	100.00	
<b>Total for Revenue Resv'd until Collected</b>		<b>312,581.15</b>

**Surplus Revenue**

Surplus Revenue	494634.56	
<b>Total for Surplus Revenue</b>		<b>494634.56</b>

**Appropriations Balances**

Town Audit	20000	
Tax Map Maintenance	2789.50	
Assessor's Annual Computer Support	3800.00	
Treasurer's Tax Title Exp	7023.60	
Integrated Accounting Software	3025.04	
Tax Taking Charges	663.05	
Broadband Borrow Consultant	5000.00	
Future Equipment & Vehicle Purchase	90050.43	
<b>Total for Appropriation Balances</b>		<b>132351.62</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES****1577742.22**

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**Balance Sheet Trust Fund Accounts****Trust Funds**

Trust Cash	341224.12	
Stabilization Fund		322705.64
Partridgefield Playground Fund		16837.44
Cemetery Trust Fund		<u>1681.04</u>
<b>Total for Trust Funds</b>	<b>341224.12</b>	<b>341224.12</b>

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**Balance Sheet Debt Balance Accounts****Long Term Debt**

	<b>Asset</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>
Highway Garage Mortgage	190835.77	
Fire Station Mortgage	215356.02	
Net Funded/Fixed Debt		406191.79
<b>Total for Long Term Debt</b>	<b>406191.79</b>	<b>406191.79</b>

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Kathleen Borden, Town Accountant

## **ANIMAL INSPECTOR REPORT 2018**

Cattle	= 17	Goats	= 26	Sheep	= 10
Swine	= 17	Llamas	= 6	Equine	= 34
Chickens	= 265	Turkeys	= 18	Ratites	= 0
Water Fowl	= 36	Game Birds	= 0	Rabbits	= 4

I would like to thank all of the barn owners for there time.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Verne Leach

Animal Inspector

## **2018 ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT**

I have been able to assist in providing 3 free spay and neuter certificates this past year through the Mass Animal Fund Program. The Massachusetts Animal Fund is administered by the Department of Agricultural Resources with the assistance of an advisory committee. The Fund's mission is to end animal homelessness in Massachusetts and to support local animals in need. This program is primarily funded by the voluntary tax check off (Line 33f) on the Massachusetts resident income tax form.

If you own a cat or dog that is not spayed or neutered, and the cost of surgery is a financial hardship for you or your family. The Mass Animal Fund dedicates a significant portion of its funds to helping low-income residents who receive assistance through state programs (TAFDC, SSI, VS, SNAP, WIC, etc.) obtain spay/neuter surgery for companion animals FREE of charge through the Spay/Neuter Voucher Program. Peru residents interested in participating in this program should contact me. No requests made directly to The Mass Animal Fund from residents will be accepted.

I have completed the Core Competencies Training for Animal Control Officers for the year. I also completed the optional course of "Basic Animal Rescue Training". Animals calls consisted of: dog bites, loose barn animals, lost animals, found animals, nuisance wild life and deceased wild life.

I ask that if you encounter a loose dog or any type of animal to please follow the proper protocol required which is contacting me through dispatch number. # 413-655-8377

*Respectfully submitted,*

Verne Leach

Animal Control Officer

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

During Fiscal 2018 our small highway crew didn't take on any large repaving projects. We completed a large repaving project in Fiscal 2017 which used up a majority of our available Chapter 90 funds. We decided to save our apportionment of Chapter 90 for Fiscal 18 and compile it with 2019 funds along with the remaining balance of Chapter 90 funds left over after completing our paving project from Fiscal 17. We look forward to making major repairs to South Rd in the summer of Fiscal 19.

We receive around \$140,000 from MASSDOT in the form of Chapter 90 funds. When we decide to take on a road reconstruction and repaving project the first step I take is contacting the MASSDOT Chapter 90 engineer. The engineer will come out and take a look at what projects we would like to use Chapter 90 funds on. The engineer will help us make a decision on what it will take to repair and repave a road. Most of the blacktop roads around town have been widened and had multiple thin layers of blacktop added to them over the years. In most cases the roads have been paved over in the past without replacing or repairing the culverts, paying attention to the overgrown tree canopy or what kind of gravel base is underneath the blacktop. In most cases, our blacktop roads need to be Full Depth Reclaimed. During the reclaiming process we add 1 ½ dense grade along with calcium to make a very strong gravel base for the road. We will also replace any culverts that are showing signs of failure to prevent having to replace them after the road is paved. We will also be removing any overgrown trees or vegetation to promote sunlight reaching the road surface. These are all items that the MASSDOT engineer will require that we do to approve the use of Chapter 90 funds.

In the coming Fiscal Year we will continue to pursue the MassWorks STRAP Grant for the resurfacing of East Windsor Rd. This grant, if awarded, will provide up to \$1,000,000 in additional funds towards one project. The funds from this Grant would be enough to completely resurface, fix drainage and culvert issues and cut back the tree canopy along East Windsor Rd from North Rd to the Windsor line. This section is roughly 3 miles.

East and West Main Road are what make up Route 143. Although it is a state numbered route, it is up to the town to plow and maintain the road. This road was completely reconstructed in 1986, 32 years ago. Since then, only minor repairs have been made to fix areas of the road. We will continue to make repairs to the road surface and drainage along the sides of the road. Each winter the road surface has been quickly deteriorating and has become a mine field of potholes and rough areas on the road surface. Our small crew will continue to fix what we can by hand. In the near future, we will have to address possibly milling and resurfacing the top surface of the road and making major guard rail upgrades.

Our small crew of 3 Highway employees is constantly busy around town with the routine maintenance of anything from patching holes on blacktop roads, cutting brush and trees, regrading and adding dense grade to the gravel roads, replacing culverts, mowing and weed whacking, and repairing and maintaining or aging equipment. During Fiscal 18 the voters approved spending funds to replace the dump body and repaint our 1998 Mack Plow truck. This project was a huge success as this truck plays a major role in clearing snow from the roads and hauling materials around town all summer. Also, voters have approved the purchase of a new 2019 4wheel drive International

truck with an 11' front plow and an 11' wing plow. This truck will take on the role that our worn out 1994 International truck has been doing for 24 years. This will be a major upgrade for our department.

Once again, I'd like to recognize Dale Weeks for his continued help and support here at the Highway Department. Whenever we are shorthanded or just need an extra person to complete a job, Dale is always willing to help us out. I'd like to recognize the Selectboard and all the Town Hall Employees for supporting us and offering help in any way they can.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Justin Russell~ Highway Superintendent

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Fiscal year 2019 Finance Committee report

The overall budget was up in FY 2019 by \$39,320 with the School budget and the Vocational budgets up by a combined \$35,934. Savings were available in the Health Insurance Account and Telephone Utility accounts for a total of \$24,723. But savings to offsetting School Budgets increases will not always be available and if the new Wahconah school construction passes we will see increases in the Capital budget and well as continued Operating budget increases.

The Town was blessed with a Free Cash amount of \$347,722 and with Town Meeting approval we were able to purchase a new Town Highway Truck to replace a 25 year old truck. We were also able to add \$18,000 to Road Improvement to offset a declining State aid.

We applied \$30,000 to the Tax rate and \$19,085 towards preservation of Town Records which was completed during the summer.

Continuing efforts are being pursued to try to trim the 45% of the budget, that we have discretion over, to try to keep the Tax rate down. Thank you all for your continued support.

Submitted George Greule, Chairman

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
George Greule ~ Chair

## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Peru Volunteer Fire Department responded to 38 calls over the course of the last year. Calls were as follows:

Medical	27
Tree on Wires	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
False Alarm	2
Mutual Aide for structure fire	1
Illeagal Burn	1
Lightning Strike	1
Motor Vehicle Fire	1

On September 26, 2017 35 year veteran of the fire department and current chief Eric Autenrieth retired from the department. We thank him for his years of dedicate service and wish him luck on his new adventure.

In the past year two members went through a emt training program and became emt's. I would like to congratulate and thank Logan Brooks, and Steve wall for their hard work and dedication to furthering their careers in the emergency medical field. Both are helping with calls in town by being available for Hinsdale which can greatly reduce the time it takes to get an ambulance to the hospital.

I would also like to welcome new members to the department, Steve Wall, Eric Magni, and Heather Brooks.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Chief Brian Dewkett

Current Roster;

**Chief** - Brian Dewkett

**Assistant Chief** - Mike Dewkett

**Captain** - George Haywood

**1st Lieutenant** - Sam Haupt

**2nd Lieutenant** - Paul Drosehn

**3rd Lieutenant** - John Kirchner

**Firefighters** - Mike Pensivy, Vern Leach, Rick Carll, Josh Alletson, Logan Brooks, Ed Munch, Steve Wall, Jesse Pelkey, Eric Magni, Heather Brooks, And Junior Fire Fighter Carlton Brooks

## **NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

www.nbswmd.com

For Calendar Year 2018, 873.69 tons of paper, glass, cans and plastic were recycled District-wide. The Town of Peru recycled 23.89 tons of paper and 18.76 tons of glass, cans and plastic. Your Towns Scrap Metal Recycling Program collected 25.79 Tons~ Generating \$1,418.45 In revenue for the Transfer Station, this doubled from last year's numbers, Congratulations~

The District Contracted with PSC/Stericycle for a One -Day Hazardous Waste Collection that was held on June 2, 2018 at the Adams DPW Yard. This location is central to the residents of the Thirteen Member Towns and we appreciate the Town of Adams allowing NBSWMD the use of the property for that day. Residents from every member town, 145 households in all, took advantage of the opportunity to rid their homes of Hazardous Chemicals. The cost for this one-day event was \$6550.83. Peace of Mind for Residents~ "Priceless"! Thank you to Town of Adams Commissioner, Edward Driscoll for your help at our Much-needed Collection

Six paint collections were held from May until the end of June. What we are doing different, No longer accepted Latex Paint. As Coordinator of the district I worked closely with Mass DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator, on this recent change. Latex Paint is not a Hazardous Waste, handouts were distributed educating district residents on reuse options / dry it up dispose in trash. We shipped out 875 gallons of oil-based paint & stain and (3) 55- gallon drums of spray paint (220 gallons) at a cost of \$5,953.58. Box packing the oil-based paints is a messy job. Special thanks to Transfer Station attendants, Shawn Wright & Amy Broderick, Assistant Court Services Coordinator's Trial Courts Office of Community Corrections Commonwealth of Massachusetts, crew for their volunteer efforts and hard work. Thanks also to the Cheshire, Hinsdale and Williamstown DPW crews who provide us with assistance and storage space for our Supplies.

We began the Paint Program in 1998 to meet a need. It is now consuming more and more of our program budget. We are currently working with Paint Care (paint manufacturers group), the Product Stewardship Institute and Massachusetts Product Stewardship Committee to pass legislation that would have the paint manufacturers pay for paint collection, either at retail stores or municipal transfer stations. We are actively advocating its passage.

The District has six Mercury Product Sheds for district member towns to utilize, funded throughout the years by Mass DEP. This program has increased with collections, location of sheds Adams, Cheshire, Hinsdale, Peru, Windsor and Williamstown Transfer Station. NLR, Inc designated facility for the districts recycling. To stay in compliance with Mass DEP all sheds must be cleaned and Packed for shipping on a yearly basis, A big Thank you again to Shawn Wright & Amy Broderick~ Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of Community Corrections for their volunteer efforts and hard work. The District recycled~ 310 NI-CAD, 287 Lithium & 169 Alkaline batteries. Recycled Lamps~ 1390 CFL Compact PL, 35 CLFL Circle line, 50 U style, 105 8 FT, 2010 4ft, & 65 2ft Fluorescent Lamps at a cost of \$3,237.49. We continue with Outreach & Education in assisting our communities in converting their household & Businesses to LED lighting~

The District, with town volunteers, held Annual Bulky & Electronic waste collection days in Adams, Clarksburg, and Lanesborough. Total material collected at Adams 11,450 pounds of electronics,

2.20 tons of scrap metal, and 4.06 tons of furniture, etc. Total collected at Lanesborough: 6950 pounds of electronics, 5.80 tons of scrap metal, and 4.75 tons of furniture, etc. Total collected at Clarksburg: 4200 pounds of electronics, 2.22 tons of scrap metal and 1.21 tons of furniture, etc. Thanks to Greg DeBlois, Shawn Wright and Amy Broderick & Crew, Carl McKinney, Joe Szczepaniak, Selectman Sayers, Paul Howcroft, Selectman Bush, Selectman Nowak, Scott & Daniel Cernik & Adams, Clarksburg, and Lanesborough DPW. The district had 3 Very successful Bulky Waste Collection events ~ The schedule for 2019 will be listed on our website and flyers will be available at the transfer stations as soon as dates are finalized.

This year NBSWMD Program Coordinator filed grant applications and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection awarded “Small Initiative Grants” to seven towns in the District & NBSWMD. The Commissioners voted to pool the grants and purchase a Roll-Of-Container. This container will rotate among the towns and every town will benefit. There were six Towns in the district that received Mass DEP Recycling Dividends Program. Each of the member towns contributed \$500.00, with NBSWMD contribution of \$1500.00.

The Towns of Cheshire, Williamstown, Windsor and Savoy were again recognized and awarded funds under the Mass. DEP Recycling Dividends Program. The District is proud to announce 2 newcomers receiving Recycling Dividends Program, Town of Adams & Hinsdale. This program awards points for achievement. Awards for the District Member Town’s ~ Adams \$2800.00, Cheshire \$3150.00, Hinsdale \$2800.00, Savoy \$2800.00, Williamstown \$4200.00 & Windsor \$3150.00. The funds are reinvested to promote recycling education, new equipment or projects. Congratulations ~ All the Towns increased their RDP grant dollars from last calendar year. My goal is to help all the Towns achieve RDP Grant awards

The waste stream continues to evolve, and our programs will continue to evolve as well. Our efforts in the coming year will be aimed at collecting textiles, Mattress Recycling Incentive Grants opportunity, Compost Distribution Program, Household Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled September 28th, 2019 to be held in Adams, expanding our “Green Team” collaboration with our Districts Local Schools, Outreach & Education.

Thank you all for a Great Year~ Board of Commissioners, Town Officials, Volunteers, & most of all the Transfer Station / Recycling Attendants that make it all happen.

***Reuse ~Recycle ~Rethink ~Donate and recycle whenever possible***

Linda Cernik, NBSWMD Program Coordinator

Gary Stergis, NBSWMD Commissioner for the Town of Peru

## **PERU LIBRARY, INC.**

Peru Library, Inc., 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017

<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
Town Appropriation	4541	Director's Salary	
Director's Salary	4200	Town Appropriation	4200
Dog License Fees	1500	State Aid	1000
State Aid	2097	Books	1562
Total Receipts:	\$12,338	Videos / DVDs	1946
(Operating budget)		Periodicals	89
		Insurance	641
		Utilities	1601
		Supplies	507
		Misc.	892
		<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$12,438</b>

In 2018, Peru Library took a few big steps toward future projects, with the goal of preserving our historic building as well as collections of historical records, everyday objects and photographs from Peru's past.

The library received a grant from Berkshire Taconic Foundation to conduct an assessment of the library's 1780's building, the original meeting house for the town of Partridgefield. The Facility Conditions Assessment will provide us with a prioritized list, with costs, of steps needed to stabilize the building and improve energy efficiency and comfort. The assessment report is due this summer.

The library also filed a 3-Year Strategic Plan with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in order to be eligible for state grants: an application is underway for a Preservation Assessment grant. If awarded, it will pay for an expert to provide guidance on preserving historic archives and artifacts held by the library. Progress on these projects will help the library contribute to Peru's 250th Anniversary in 2021.

### **Circulation numbers**

Items borrowed:	2793
Books:	721
DVDs:	1845
Periodicals:	156
Audiobooks & CDs:	19
Games, Puzzles, etc.:	51
Interlibrary loans:	143
Patron visits:	1654
Non-resident visits:	127
Events held / Attendees:	20/208

As always, we thank town residents, volunteers and donors for their continued support of the library.

*Sincerely,*

Ruth Calaycay, Director

Board of Trustees: Kathy Borden (Chair), Sharon Greule, Shannon Peet.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

To the Honorable Selectboard:

The Peru Board of Health strives to provide high quality services to the Town of Peru during the past year with a wide and constantly growing breadth of responsibilities. Health inspection functions in Peru are mandated by State laws and regulations and local Board of Health Regulations, with additional priorities set by the Board of Health and Selectboard. While Health Departments across the country are regionalized on a county or state level, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts leaves it up to each city/town to provide their own health services. In a small town like Peru, this creates a scenario where the Board of Health needs to be ready to address a wide variety of questions and needs. To meet this need, the Town of Peru has contracted with the Berkshire Public Health Alliance who provides a Registered Sanitarian and Public Health Nurse to provide professional services to the board and conduct many of the necessary functions.

The following is A-Z breakdown of the many responsibilities under the Board of Health's umbrella that are applicable for the Town of Peru:

Beaver Nuisances \* Public Nuisances \* Demolition Inspections (rodents/hazardous)  
General Complaints \* Private Wells \* Public/Semi-public Pools \* Flu Clinics  
Public Beaches \* Food Establishments \* Septage Haulers \* Garbage Haulers  
Recreational Camps for Children \* Septic System Inspections, Review & Installation  
Housing Inspections and Complaint \* Temporary Food Events \* Infectious Diseases

The Sanitarian/Inspector holds office hours by appointment during most of the year.

Contact information can be found on the town website at [www.townofperuma.com/board-health](http://www.townofperuma.com/board-health) for residents who would like to request inspection, ask questions or file a complaint.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Kay Miller, Chair

Nannette Mone

Peggy White

**PERU POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**3 East Main Road**

**BOX 106**

**Peru, MA 01235**

Emergency "911" • Dispatch (413) 442-0512 • Office (413) 655-8377

The Peru Police Department would like to thank the Town for its support this year. This year we welcomed a new member to our ranks Officer Kyle Nutting.

This past calendar year we had 205 calls for service and issued over 100 citations. We have diligently pursued investigations with a number of Police Departments in Berkshire and Hampshire Counties as well as the Massachusetts State Police and New York State Police.

All members of our Department completed 40 hours of mandatory in service training as required by the Massachusetts Police Training Committee. The training included CPR and first aid recertification, legal updates, defensive tactics, firearms training, Procedural Justice and Legitimacy II, Stress( Stigma and Survival ), Violent Extremism Awareness and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Our Police Department takes a proactive approach to community policing by maintaining patrol time and working to become more visible. Each of our officers are on duty approximately 10 hours per week and I am on duty approximately 25 hours per week. We strive to have at least one officer on patrol each day.

Our office hours are on Monday nights from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are unable to make it during those hours please call our non-emergency number 413-655-8377 to make other arrangements with an on call officer.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Peru for their cooperation and support. Please let us know if you have any suggestions as to how we can better serve the community.

The following is a breakdown of our 205 calls this past calendar year:

Abandoned Vehicles (1)	Abandoned Property (1)	Escort (1)
Accidents (2)	Civil (3)	Fire Dept. Assist (1)
Alarms (14)	Court (14)	Fire (1)
Animal (13)	DCF (2)	Follow up (2)
Assist (10)	Disturbance (2)	Funeral (1)
Attempt to locate (2)	Disable Vehicle (3)	Harassment (2)

Illegal dumping (1)	Prevention/ abuse Order (1)	Theft (3)
Immediate threat (1)	Property Damaged (1)	Transport (1)
Information (5)	Removal of Person (1)	Tree in Road (1)
Larceny/over (2)	Restraining Order (3)	Tree on Wire (5)
Medical (12)	Road complaint (6)	Trespass (5)
Meetings (12)	Shots fired (5)	Township Ordinance (3)
Mental/Health (2)	Snowmobile (4)	Unattended Child (1)
Memorial Service (1)	Speed complaint (2)	Unwanted person (1)
MVA (3)	Squatting (1)	Vandalism (1)
MVV (4)	Summons (13)	Weapons (1)
Noise Complaint (1)	Suspicious activity (6)	Welfare Checks (3)
911 Hang up (3)	Suspicious Person (4)	
Phone call -return (1)	Suspicious Vehicle (10)	

*Respectfully submitted,*  
 Jeffery Henault  
 Chief of Police

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Report not submitted.

### **GAS AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

July 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

A total of 12 Gas Permits were issued.  
 A total of 3 Plumbing Permits were issued.

Propane Tanks  
     4 - 500 gallon  
     1 - 120 gallon  
     2 - 100 gallon

*Respectfully submitted,*  
 Timothy Martin, Plumbing and Gas Inspector

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
**July 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018**

The Building Inspection Department ensures that all new construction, alterations, renovations, repairs and demolitions are in conformance with 780 CMR, the Massachusetts State Building Code, Massachusetts General Laws, Town of Peru Zoning By-Laws and any other applicable codes and statutes enforced by the Building Inspector.

Job Code	A total of 36 permits were issued	
1	New Residential Homes	2
1A	Foundation only	1
2	Additions/Alterations-Residential	7
3	Accessory Buildings	3
4	Pools	0
5	Demolition	2
6	Other (Insulation)	1
7	Additions and Alterations Commercial	2
8	Garage Residential	4
9	Signs	0
10	Stoves	4
11	Fences	0
12	Commercial/New	1
13	Solar	9
Total Job Values .....		\$ 1,219,378.00
Permit Fees Collected .....		\$ 8,056.00

The Ninth Edition Base Code (Commercial Code) with Massachusetts Amendments which is based on the **2015 International Building Code** (IBC) became effective January 6, 2017 and the Residential One and Two Family Building Code with Massachusetts Amendments which is based on the **2015 International Residential Code** (IRC) became in effect on January 6, 2017.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectman for my continued appointment to this position and all of the various departments for their cooperation and service. I truly look forward to continuing my work for the citizens of Peru and assisting them in all Building and Zoning matters.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Timothy X Sears, CBO  
Building Commissioner / Inspector of Buildings  
The Town of Peru MA

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Berkshire, ss**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Peru, in said County.

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Peru, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to vote meet in the Peru Fire Station, 11 East Main Road on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 6:00PM for the Annual Town Meeting, then and there to take action on the following articles, namely:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Moderator Alan Gordon. There was a total of 34 registered voters in attendance and 4 guests.

**Article 1:** To choose a Moderator for the Annual Town Meeting if the elected Moderator is absent.

Moderator Alan Gordon is present.

**Article 2:** To see if the will vote to accept the reports of the several Town Officers.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Article carried unanimously by voice vote

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries of all elective officers as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of M.G. L., or take any other action relative thereto:

Selectboard	
Member	\$ 3,403.00
Member	3,403.00
Member	3,403.00
Town Clerk	7,920.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Article carried unanimously by voice vote

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries of the following appointed officers, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors'	
Member	\$ 3,403.00
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Treasurer	9,283.00
Tax Collector	9,283.00
Accounting Officer	9,283.00
Assistant Town Clerk	2,276.00
Animal Control Officer	1,715.00
Compactor Attendant	5,619.00
Police Chief	31,200.00
Forest Fire Warden	853.00
Inspector of Animals	853.00
Veterans' Agent	2,250.00
Council on Aging Director	578.00
Fire Chief	1,155.00
Cemetery Sexton	300.00
Town Auditor	1.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.

Article carried unanimously by voice vote

**A motion was made and seconded to move Article 22 forward.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following Central Berkshire Regional School District FY19 Assessment, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Transportation Assessment	\$ 38,610.00
Net Operating Assessment	818,174.00
Capital Assessment	<u>16,692.00</u>
Total Town of Peru Assessment	<b>\$ 873,476.00</b>

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors' Salaries	\$ 10,209.00
Selectmen's Salary	10,209.00
Tax Collector's Salary	9,283.00
Town Clerk's Salary	7,920.00
Assistant Town Clerk	2,276.00
Treasurer's Salary	9,283.00
Accounting Officer's Salary	9,283.00
Animal Control Officer's Salary	1,715.00
Forest Fire Warden's Salary	853.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	853.00
Veterans' Agent Salary	2,250.00
Council on Aging Director	578.00
Fire Chief	1,155.00
Police Chief	31,200.00
Compactor Attendant	5,619.00
Cemetery Sexton	300.00
Town Auditor	1.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following wage accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Administrative Compensation Account	\$ 6,800.00
Elections & Registrar's Account	4,850.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following wage accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Assistant Assessor's Wage Account	\$ 18,900.00
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**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following wage accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Town Administrator's Wage Account	\$ 20,000.00
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**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors' Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Bank Service Expense	100.00
Animal Control Officer's Expense	800.00
Selectmen & Other Expenses	1,800.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	1,500.00
Tax Collector's Tax Taking Charges	1,500.00
Town Clerk's Expense	2,200.00
Town Report Expense	2,000.00
Treasurer/Accounting Expense	1,500.00
Treasurer Tax Title Expense	5,000.00
Board of Appeals Expense	100.00
U.S. Postal Expense	3,000.00
Health Department Expense	9,535.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Assessors' Annual Computer Support	\$ 3,800.00
Computer Supplies & Maintenance	9,900.00
Treas./Acct. Annual Computer Support	10,403.55
Tax Collector's Annual Computer Support	8,515.53
Assessors' Tax Map Maintenance	1,600.00
Continuing Education	6,530.00
Office Supplies	2,500.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Conservation Commission Expense	\$ 390.00
Interest on Loans	1,000.00
Legal Expense	10,000.00
Officers' Mileage	2,000.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Elderly Outreach	\$ 525.00
Council on Aging	200.00
Veterans Service	10,000.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto

Medicare – Town Share	\$ 5,500.00
Health Ins/Life & Dental	96,277.00
Town Insurance - All	41,000.00
Mass. Unemployment Insurance	1,100.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Partridgefield Playground	\$ 1,500.00
Peru Library	5,340.00
Mowing: Cemeteries, Town Hall, Town Park and Town Green:	6,000.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Town Buildings' Maintenance	\$ 16,000.00
Utilities – Electric	11,000.00
Utilities – Heating	15,000.00
Utilities - Telephone	2,000.00
Internet Communication Lines	8,400.00
Town Website Fee	2,000.00
Town Hall Janitorial Services	2,160.00
Board of Health Expense	450.00
Cemetery Expense	200.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto

Compactor	\$ 33,000.00
Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District	2,471.41

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Berk. County Sheriffs Dispatching	\$ 9,875.91
Berk. County Reg. Planning Comm.	658.40
Berk. County Retirement Assessment	44,343.00
Hinsdale Ambulance	2,000.00
Town Fire Station Mortgage Payment	16,093.88
Police Wages	40,056.00
Police Expenses	3,400.00
Police Cruiser Maintenance	2,400.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Peru Volunteer Firemen's Association Operating Expenses	\$ 20,000.00
Peru Volunteer Firemen's Association Insurances	8,025.00
Peru Volunteer Firemen's Association Building Maintenance	1,500.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty One Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$61,200.00) for the Highway Superintendent's annual wage account, or to take any other action relative thereto:

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following accounts, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Gas & Fuel Account	\$ 27,630.00
Maintain Hard Surface Roads	18,000.00
Material, Gravel Roads	14,000.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	20,580.00
Snow Roads, Private	500.00
Snow Roads, Public	70,000.00
Town Highways & Bridges	16,750.00
Town Highway Garage Mortgage Payment	12,020.00
Highway Employee Wage Acct.	83,000.00
Future Machine/Vehicle Purchase	10,000.00
Highway Department Uniforms	2,500.00
Tree Removal	10,000.00
Temporary Summer Help	5,000.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the vocational education and transportation accounts:

Vocational School Tuition	\$180,000.00
Vocational School Transportation	63,675.00

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following Central Berkshire Regional School District FY19 Assessment, or to take any other action relative thereto:

Transportation Assessment	\$ 38,610.00
Net Operating Assessment	818,174.00
Capital Assessment	16,692.00
Total Town of Peru Assessment	<b>\$ 873,476.00</b>

**A motion was made and seconded to move this article forward to follow Article 5.**  
**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$4,200.00) for a Paid Librarian for the Peru Library, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$1,500.00) from the dog license fees to the Peru Library Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$5,850.00) for the Reserve Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 26:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirty Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Nine Dollars and Thirty Three Cents (\$30,379.33) to cover the cost overrun of the FY18 Snow Road Public Account or to take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$125,000.00) for partial payment for the purchase of a New 2019 International Model 7500 Highway Plow Truck or to take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for maintenance of hard surface roads for the Highway Department or to take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$8,000.00) for material for gravel roads for Highway Department or to take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Six Thousand and Eight Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$6,800.00) for Assessor's Computer Software Conversion/Update or to take any other action relative thereto

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Nineteen Thousand and Eighty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$19,085.00) for the preservation of Town Records, or to take any action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Thousand and Six Hundred and Sixty Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$1,667.00) for a partial payment for the set-up of a new Town Website or take any other action thereto

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$8,000.00) for an upgrade to a High Efficiency Gas Boiler for the Town Garage or take any other action thereto

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 34:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) to offset the Town Tax Rate or take any other action thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 35:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Chapter 90 funds that are, or may become, available to the Town during the FY19 for Roadway Projects and Repairs, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow such amounts in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or take any other action in relation thereto

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 36:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other Town Departments with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.  
Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 37:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.44, sec. 53E1/2 to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows: There is hereby established in the Town of Peru, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, sec. 53E1/2, the following Revolving fund: Inspectional Services by the Building Inspection Department, Electrical Inspection Department, Gas/Plumbing Inspection Department, and Fire Inspection Department.

Authorized to spend Funds: The Town of Peru Treasurer

Revenue Source: Fees and Charges by inspectors listed under this Bylaw.

Use of Funds: To pay Inspectors ninety per cent of fees and charges collected under this Bylaw, and the Town of Peru ten per cent under this Bylaw.

Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c.44, sec 53E1/2.

And, further, to set FY2019 spending limits for such revolving funds as follows: Program or Purpose is Inspectional Services; FY 2019 spending limit is \$14, 413.00, or take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written.**

**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Article 38:** To see if the Town will adopt as a General By-Law, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of July 1, 2019, to provide as follows:

#### Section 1: Definitions

International Energy Code (IECC) – The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

Stretch Energy Code – Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts Building Code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

#### Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for new buildings.

#### Section 3: Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 115.AA, as indicated.

#### Section 4: Stretch Code

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Peru General By-Laws.

The Stretch Code shall be enforceable by the Building Inspector and effective with a concurrency start date of July 1, 2018, and a sole effective date of January 1, 2019 or take any other action relative thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to amend the article from July 1, 2019 to read as July 1, 2018. The amendment carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**A motion was made and seconded to amend Section 4 from January 1, 2019 to read as July 1, 2018 and to remove the word concurrency.**

**The amendment carried unanimously by voice vote**

**Amended article carried unanimously by voice vote**

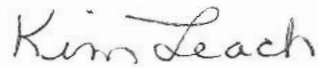
**Article 39:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors to negotiate and enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement known as a "Pilot" or "Tax Agreement" pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), or any other enabling authority, between the Town of Peru and CVE (Group) North America, Inc., its successor or affiliate, on such terms and conditions and for such term as negotiated by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors, for payment in lieu of taxes related to personal and/or real property associated with a solar renewable energy generation facility to be installed, owned and operated by such entity on land owned by John P. Kane, Mary E. Munch and identified as Assessors' Parcel Map 27, Lot 53, all as set forth in said PILOT; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder; or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the article as written**  
**Article carried unanimously by voice vote**

**A motion was moved and seconded to close this Annual Town Meeting at 8:19 PM**

ATTEST:

This is a true copy.



Kim Leach

Town Clerk

Certified: June 18, 2018

ATTEST:

This is a true copy.

*Kim Leach*

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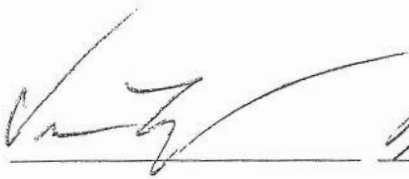
Town Clerk

Certified: May 4, 2018

You are directed to serve this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk or the Board of Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

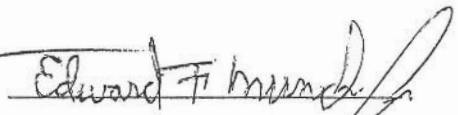
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Verne Leach, Member



Bruce Cullett, Chair

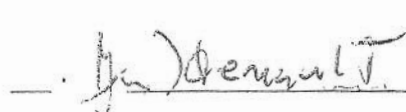


Edward Munch Jr. Member

I have served this Warrant as directed above.

Places of Posting: Bulletin Board at Town Hall, Transfer Station, Library, Community Center.

ATTEST:



Constable

5/4/18

Date

120 PM

Time

Posted: May 4, 2018

# Acknowledgements

Jeff Bolduc for helping the Town hang the New Highway Garage Sign

George Pelligri for making the New Highway Garage Sign

Rich Roberts for donating the piece of wood for the New Highway Garage Sign

Dan Dougherty for painting the Old Town Garage

Wayne Walton for donating the paint for the Old Town Garage

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